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SUBJECT: FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS - GISCARD AND JOBERT VISITS

TO MOSCOW

1. IN TALK WITH EMBOFF, JULY 12, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
USSR/EE AFFAIRS OMNES SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT OF
JULY 9-11 MOSCOW MEETING OF FRENCH-SOVIET GRANDE COMMISSION.
THUS, IN APPRAISING RESULTS OF GRANDE COMMISSION SESSION, HE
COULD ONLY POINT TO JUST-PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE, WHICH EMPHASIZES
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. BOTH SIDES CONSIDERED MOST "FRUITFUL RESULTS" ACHIEVED
IN PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE RESEARCH, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION, COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, MEDICINE, AND AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION RESEARCH.

B. "PROFOUND SATISFACTION" EXPRESSED WITH 15 PERCENT GROWTH IN
TRADE IN 1972 (REACHING SUM OF 5.5 BILLION RUBLES OVER 1971)

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AND NOTED "HOPE" THAT TRADE WILL GROW ANOTHER 25-30 PERCENT IN

1973.

C. OBJECTIVE OF DOUBLING TRADE BETWEEN 1970 AND 1974 WILL BE ACHIEVED.

D. BEFORE END OF 1973, A NEW PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION WILL BE NEGOTIATED TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL COOPERATION IN 1973-75.

2. OMNES INDICATED BOTH FRENCH AND SOVIETS DECIDED TO POSTPONE FOR TIME BEING PLANS TO STREAMLINE GRANDE AND PETITE COMMISSIONS. HE SAID TOO MANY TECHNICAL DETAILS REMAIN TO ALLOW ANNOUNCEMENT OF REFORMS AT THIS TIME.

3. ASKED IF FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING WOULD RETURN TO PARIS JULY 12, OMNES SAID HE UNDERSTOOD GISCARD WOULD REMAIN IN USSR FOR "TOURISM" UNTIL SUNDAY, JULY 15.

4. SINCE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTANT DAVID KARR TELLS US SOVIETS PRESENTLY LAYING UNUSUALLY HEAVY EMPHASIS ON FAVORING FRENCH IN EAST-WEST TRADE DEALS, WE BELIEVE THEY MAY WELL BE TALKING WITH GISCARD ABOUT A VARIETY OF PROJECTS BEYOND THOSE DISCUSSED IN GRANDE COMMISSION. FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIETS MAY WISH TO TALK ABOUT PLANS FOR A NEW "INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRADE CENTER" IN MOSCOW, WHICH, ACCORDING TO KARR, SOVIETS WANT TO BUILD PRIMARILY WITH FRENCH HELP.

5. ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR COMING JOBERT VISIT TO MOSCOW (PARIS 13694), OMNES SAID DATES OF THIS VISIT SET FOR JULY 30-31. HE INDICATED JOBERT/GROMYKO TALKS WILL COME WITHIN PURVIEW OF 1970 PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS, PROVIDE WIDE-RANGING TOUR D'HORIZON OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, BUT FOCUS MAINLY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE. OMNES SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS, CSCE, AND MBFR AS ITEMS JOBERT WILL WISH TO TAKE UP. HE HINTED THAT JOBERT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PROBING SOVIET VIEWS ON MATTERS RELATING TO "EUROPEAN SECURITY."
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